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SUBJECT: PROPOSED REDUCTION IN THE CXT FOR ALMONDS

1. ON AUGUST 9, THE EC COMMISSION RELEASED THE FOLLOWING
STATEMENT ON A PROPOSED REDUCTION IN THE EC CUSTOMS DUTY FOR
ALMONDS (USEC TRANSLATION):

2. THE COMMISSION HAS JUST SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL A
PROPOSAL TO REDUCE FROM 7 PERCENT TO 3 PERCENT THE CUSTOMS
DUTY ON ALMONDS.

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'A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN PRICES IS EXPECTED BECAUSE ON

THE ONE HAND, THE ITALIAN ALMOND CROP IS SCARCELY HALF ON THE
NORMAL CROP AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, ALMOND CROPS IN CERTAIN THIRD
COUNTRIES ARE SMALLER THAN USUAL.

'GERMANY HAS REQUESTED A TOTAL SUSPENSION OF THE CUSTOMS
DUTY FOR ALMONDS IMPORTED INTO THE ORIGINAL MEMBER STATES.
HOWEVER, ITALY, SUPPORTED BY FRANCE, HAS GIVEN ITS CONCURRENCE
TO A DECREASE ONLY TO THE LEVEL OF 3 PERCENT.

'ALTHOUGH ITALIAN PRODUCTION IN YEARS OF A NORMAL HARVEST
COVERS ABOUT 12,000 TONS OF THE 43,000 TONS IN THE
ORIGINAL MEMBER STATES, THE CUSTOMS DUTY ON ALMONDS HAS BEEN
MAINTAINED TO THE PRESENT TIME BECAUSE COMMUNITY PRODUCTION IS
IN LESS FAVORED REGIONS (SICILY) AND BECAUSE WORLD PRICES ARE
AT A VERY LOW LEVEL COMPARED TO PRICES FOR THE ITALIAN PRODUCT.
'ITALIAN PRODUCTION HAS LESS COMPETITION THIS YEAR SINCE
PRODUCTION IN THIRD COUNTRIES IS ALSO REDUCED. FOR THAT
REASON THE COMMISSION HAS APPROVED A PROPOSAL TO SUSPEND THE
DUTY TO 3 PERCENT.

'THIS SUSPENSION IS IN THE FORM OF A PROPOSED COUNCIL
REGULATION WHICH WOULD APPLY FROM OCTOBER 1, 1973 TO JUNE 30,
1974.'

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